



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3031, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for, and acceptance of, grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department APD Violence Against Women Investigative Project.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$37,705 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Violence Against Women Act Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A City funding match (30%) is required and will be met by accounting for a portion of the salary of an existing City-funded sworn supervisor.

Prior Council Action:

August 27, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200827-035, which approved acceptance of grant funds for this project on a 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$37,705 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. A City funding match (30%) is required and will be met by accounting for a portion of the salary of an existing City-funded sworn supervisor.

CJD Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding will allow the City to continue the salary of one temporary Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) specialist to support the entry and investigation of sexual assault cases entered into the FBI's ViCAP database.

The City Manager's Office reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that includes items one through four below.

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.